provision in the budget of DPE. Accordingly, the expenditure of the Board is being met through the budget of DPE.

(c) and (d) As per the resolution constituting BRPSE, the Board may take the advice of experts in the relevant field, if considered necessary.

Funds for revival of sick PSUs

3272. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have slashed the allocation of funds for revival of sick PSUs under his Ministry;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the detailed alternative steps proposed for revival of such PSUs; and

(e) whether it is a fact that only those sick PSUs will be revived which meet the standards set down by the banks for normal business loan, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIESAND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) There are 21 sick PSEs under the Department of Heavy Industry.

(b) to (d) Allocation of funds for revival of PSEs under plan (2006-07) has been increased substantially as compared to (2005-06). Wherever revival plans are approved by the Government, necessary inputs to the PSEs are being provided.

(e) Revival plan for PSEs have various components like financial restructuring, funding of capital investments, sale of assets etc. Packages for revival are prepared on a case to case basis, which may have funding from Government/Banks etc.

Criterion for PSUs to achieve Status of Mini-ratna

3273. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) criterion for PSUs to achieve status of Miniratna; and